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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, House and Urban Development and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, House and Urban Development and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for the Lancaster County Ag Society "Ag Tech Hub" Facility Modernization Planning in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lancaster Agricultural Society, Inc., located at 4100 N 84th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507. The funding would be used for modernizing the now 22-year-old Lancaster County Fairgrounds which is a regional "Ag Tech Hub." The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these fairgrounds undergo heavy wear and tear, hosting as many as 600,000 visitors annually, and drive economic development for the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,

Member of Congress